

Four Faculty Members Retire

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FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE

The Dordt community is thankful for the more than 100 years of collective service that this year's retiring faculty members have given.

DR. BILL ELGERSMA

In addition to teaching English at Dordt since 2003, Dr. Bill Elgersma ('81) has coached hockey and women's soccer over the years. "There was always a long procession of students, former students, athletes, former athletes, and alumni that would come to his office," says Dr. Bob De Smith, chair of the English Department. "They would be comforted, if that's what they needed; they would be cheered on, if that's what they needed."



DR. DOUG DE BOER

Dr. Doug De Boer ('79) has taught Dordt engineering classes for 37 years. "He is one of the smartest people I know," says Charley Young, a senior engineering major. "He also is intentional about taking the time to make sure his students understand topics and material from

every angle, more than just demonstrating his own knowledge. He is a blessing to have as a professor."



VIDEO TRIBUTES

To view retirement tribute videos for each of these professors, go to Dordt's YouTube channel at: bit.ly/3fOkclx.



DR. ED STARKENBURG

For the past 16 years, Dr. Ed Starkenburg has served as an education professor at Dordt. "We will miss his spontaneity, his joyfulness, and his sense of humor," says Dr. Barb Hoekstra, an education department colleague. "We'll also miss the way we feel so cared for by him. I think everyone in the department would say that they have a great relationship with Ed."



DR. NOLAN VAN GALEN

Dr. Nolan Van Gaalen has taught engineering at Dordt for 38 years. "Professor Van Gaalen is thoughtful and well-read," says Dr. Ethan Brue, an engineering professor. "His breadth of understanding of engineering, of the Reformational perspective, and how both come into the classroom shows. He has wrestled with key questions for so many years."



SARAH MOSS ('10)

Agriculture Major Ben Vos was one of 18 student recipients to receive the **Iowa Corn Future of Agriculture Scholarship** for the 2020-21 academic year. The program awards one-year scholarships to qualified students enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or graduate school, in a program of study to equip them to contribute to Iowa's agriculture industry.



OLIVIA (HELMUS, '21) DE VIN

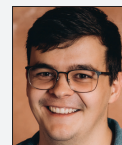
Dordt will begin offering a minor in church music starting in fall 2021. To learn more, see <https://www.dordt.edu/news/82909>.

The Dordt University Archives has released an oral history collection featuring stories from Reverend B.J. Haan, Dordt's first president. The collection includes stories of Dordt's early history, such as relationships with Sioux Center and the local Christian day schools. To hear the recordings, visit https://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/oral_history_haan/.

The Andreas Center for Scholarship and Service has launched a new podcast, "In All Things." Hosted by Professor of Theology Dr. Justin Bailey, the episodes feature conversations about living creatively in God's created world. The podcast is available via Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Audible, Podbean, and Google.



Just a Guy, a short film by Digital Media Major Noah Deist, was selected by Produce Iowa as one of six films for the Executive Directors' Film Festival Picks showcase. To learn more, see <https://www.dordt.edu/news/60949>.



GERRIT VANDYK ('22)

Dordt has approved a new entrepreneurship emphasis offered to students majoring in business administration. To learn more, see <https://www.dordt.edu/news/61063>.